

## Objective 2.4: Increase communication and coordination among environmental education professionals.

### Action Items:

- Support Environmental Educators of North Carolina (EENC), North Carolina's association for environmental education, and its professional development efforts. Encourage membership in EENC.
- Support the North Carolina Association of Environmental Education Centers and encourage new facilities to join the association.
- Provide networking opportunities for educators, such as forums and conferences.
- Conduct regular meetings for N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources employees who have an interest in education and/or outreach.
- Promote opportunities for networking offered by organizations statewide.
- Facilitate environmental education events that showcase the resources and materials available to educators and other environmental education professionals.

## Objective 2.5: Provide and improve the availability of model environmental education library collections for North Carolina educators.

### Action Items:

- Develop an environmental education resource collection that serves as a model for school, university and public libraries throughout North Carolina.
- Provide support for those libraries to develop their own environmental education collection.
- Develop a formal document that outlines the Environmental Education Resource Center's role in the department and its relationship to the department's divisions.
- Develop the Environmental Education Resource Center as a resource for environmental educators, department employees, teachers and students and support educational initiatives throughout the department.
- Expand awareness of the center through Web sites, clearinghouses, newsletters and conferences.
- Provide age-appropriate resource guides and research tutorials that expand the ability of teachers and students to find environmental education resources.
- Develop environmental education bibliographies for specific audiences, including formal and nonformal educators at all grade levels.